TITLE: Edward Allor Papers
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003.118
CREATOR: Allor, Edward
INCLUSIVE DATES: 1913-1921
QUANTITY: 0.6 cubic ft. (1 oversize box)
LANGUAGE: English

ABSTRACT: In 1913, Edward Allor worked as the assistant to the foreman in the Radiator Department of Ford’s Highland Park plant. That July, the foreman, Harry Hudson, traveled to England with Charles Sorensen so that Hudson could assist with converting the Manchester plant from assembly to manufacturing. After the trip, Harry Hudson penned a letter to Allor describing the journey. The letter also talks about the Sorensen family, problems and challenges in setting up the plant, and Sorensen’s trips to Ireland and France where he was looking to establish factories, warning Allor to keep that secret. This letter may be the earliest document in our collection detailing Ford’s plans to expand its manufacturing beyond North America.

Edward Allor left Ford Motor Company to earn a degree in Philosophy at Western University in London, Ontario. Allor eventually became a priest, serving at several parishes including St. John the Baptist in Amherstburg, Ontario. This collection contains the letter penned from Hudson to Allor in 1913, his degree from May 1921, and a sepia portrait of Allor.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open for research.

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